



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 357 without my signature.

This bill directs the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to establish and operate a trade and investment office in Mexico City.

California and Mexico have a proven partnership of trade, commerce, and the exchange of culture that runs long and deep. Our relationship with Mexico is fundamental to our mutual prosperity. Through memorandums of understanding, we are directly working with the Mexican government and business community on climate change, trade, transportation, tourism, and education.

As I stated in 2014 when I vetoed a nearly identical bill, I remain unconvinced that California needs a legislatively-mandated trade office to continue our ongoing and enduring partnership with Mexico.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.